

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-10-23**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 23, 2000
Business Meeting: October 23, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC SALE – Placeholder (10/23/00)
2. D97.7.90 – MPC – QF cost recovery request – Discuss/Act on request (10/23/00)
3. Electric restructuring transition period – Discuss/Act on draft notice requesting comments on proposal to extend transition period (10/23/00)
4. N2000.9.142 – SmartEnergy.Com – Electricity supplier license application – Discuss/Act on application (10/23/00)
5. D2000.9.140 - Bozeman Schools v. MPC – gas transportation customers returning to bundled service – discussion, direction, action as necessary on pending motions (10/23/00)
6. D2000.10.172 – Columbia Heights Water Co. – Complaint by Mary Allabaugh – discussion and direction on complaint (10/24/00)

7. D2000.6.89 – Qwest Communications – Pricing Docket – Placeholder in case parties cannot agree on procedural schedule changes (10/23/00)
8. FCC CC Docket No.96-45 – Western Wireless – Western Wireless petition to FCC for ETC status on Crow Reservation – update on FCC proceeding, direction (10/23/00)
9. D2000.8.125 – Cooke City Exchange – Cooke City EAS with Bozeman EAS Region (10/23/00)
10. L-00.5.3-RUL – Hot Springs Telephone – Amending ARM 38.5.1107, Interest on Customer Deposits Rule – discussion and direction on proposed rule amendment (10/23/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communications, Inc, Docket No. D2000.6.89 (Robin)
On October 5, 2000, Western Wireless Corporation filed a Petition for Late Intervention in this docket. If granted intervention, Western Wireless will not request that the procedural order be amended or that it be granted any extensions of time. Staff recommends approval.
2. QWEST N2000.10.166 (Dave)
On September 29, 2000, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 00-41, "Guaranteed Rate Calling Connection Plan-Revision." The purpose of the filing is to change the initial timing period for the plan from 30 seconds to 6 seconds. Also if the customer terminates their contract early, the page is corrected to state that the termination liability is 15% of the the remaining months' contract value. Qwest argues this will make the calling plan a more competitive offering.

3. QWEST N2000.10.167 (Dave)

On October 2, 2000, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 00-44, "Promotional Addendum for Nonutility Incentive – Access Line". This limited promotion is scheduled from October 23, 2000 through December 29, 2000 and will be marketed to small business customers as "New Rules – New Company". For an additional 1FB, customers will receive a leather day planner (\$30.00 premium) or for an additional 1FB with Custom Choice feature package, a Casion Organizer (\$90.00 premium).

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1. Qwest Communications N2000.10.165 (Leroy)

On September 29, 2000, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 00-42 "Centrex 21 Revisions" to revise the terms and conditions for the Centrex 21 offering. The filing eliminates the \$5.00 non-recurring charge to activate or deactivate features within the standard feature package for Centrex 21.

2. Central Montana Communications N2000.10.168 (Leroy)

On October 2, 2000, Central Montana Communications filed tariff pages 30 through 31.2 to change the signature line. In addition, page 31.1 has been modified to provide detail of how the waiver of the Interstate end User Charge and the Tier 2, 3 and 4 discounts will be applied.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-10-30

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2000.10.170 – MCI WorldCom – WorldCom, Inc. reorganization

D2000.10.171 – Havre Pipeline – Application for acceptance of rates,
agreement, terms & conditions

D2000.10.172 – Columbia Heights Water – Complaint filed by Mary Allabaugh

D2000.10.173 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – MDU Resources application for
authorization to issue securities